

Transition Manager Choice List Region 2



Mellowdee Brooks 208-746-9033

Disability Action Center-NW, Inc.

Mellowdee has worked for the Disability Action Center for over 7 years and is currently an Independent Living Specialist. She has worked for people with disabilities of all ages and abilities, her entire career. Mellowdee has an M.Ed in special Education and has been credentialed as an Assistive Technology Professional since 1999. She enjoys promoting the independent living philosophy.

Molly Sherpa 208-746-9033

Disability Action Center-NW, Inc.

Being a parent and advocate for a child with a traumatic brain injury and being an individual with a disability it seemed like a natural fit for Molly to become transition manager for Idaho Home Choice. In 2008 she became a job coach/job developer with Opportunities Unlimited and fell in love with vocation; sadly, with Medicaid cuts she was laid off but in 2012 was lucky enough to start working for Disability Action Center as an independent living specialist. This is Molly's first involvement with the Independent Living Movement and it has been an exciting and rewarding one.

Branden Beier 208-305-7062

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Branden Beier was born in Southern Idaho, spent his teenage years in Kansas City, Missouri and moved back to Idaho in his early twenties. He has a degree in Social and Behavioral Science and has also studied the area of Social Work. Branden is a true animal lover which seems to be his true personal therapy. He has three horses and two dogs and is an avid outdoorsman. He has worked in the human services field for his full adult career. Branden genuinely enjoys working with all people from various types of walks of life. He has worked with troubled youth, individuals with developmental disabilities and those with physical disabilities. Branden is looking forward to this opportunity to assist others in transitioning into a setting of their choice.

Krista Kramer 208-883-0523

<u>Disability Action Center – NW, Inc.</u>

Krista has extensive experience in providing information and referral, assistive technology services, independent living skills training, and advocacy. She has been with Disability Action Center – NW since 1993 and has also worked in a range of other disability services settings including vocational rehabilitation, higher education, community mental health, and in-home care. She has a Master's degree in Counseling with an emphasis in rehabilitation and Deafness, and certifications an Assistive Technology Practitioner. She is fluent in sign language, operates the Region II demonstration and loan library of equipment for people with hearing impairments, and also has specialized training in the areas of spinal cord injuries, kidney dialysis, vision loss and deaf/blindness, and home modifications.

Katie Ostenson *208-743-1818*

Seubert's Quality HomeCare

Katie has been working in in-home care since 2009. She has experience with both elderly and intellectually disabled individuals. Katie has lived in Lewiston since 1986 and has been involved in many community activities as both a participant and volunteer. Katie is excited to assist individuals in transitioning to their own homes and helping them achieve the most independent and fulfilling life possible.

Heather Estes 509-758-2055

ResCare Home Care

Heather was born and raised in Lewiston and believes this is a wonderful community in which to reside and reach your goals. She has worked a number of years advocating on behalf of individual's rights for housing services and to be heard. Heather has had extensive personal experience as well as working knowledge of the resources available to achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

Gail Smith 208-245-5920 x2 Idaho Partner's in Care

Gail spent 8 years providing transitional services to developmental disability youth in public schools in the state Minnesota. She changed her career and she moved into the medical field as a CNA and started working with the elderly as an in-home care manager working closely with Medicaid and the VA.